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Libya-USSR

A Libyan-Soviet joint communique broadcast by Tripoli radio in the wake of Staff Major 'Abd al-Salam Jallud's visit to Moscow announced that the Soviet Union has agreed to strengthen Libya's defense capabilities and that a Soviet military delegation will visit Libya soon to determine its defense requirements. The two sides agreed that the Libyan and Soviet leadership will hold "regular political consultations" and they decided to continue "permanent and continuous" contacts between their foreign ministries in accordance with a protocol signed in 1985. They also discussed measures to enhance long-term economic and scientific cooperation and signed a general agreement covering cooperation until the year 2000. The Libyan delegation included the secretaries for planning and foreign liaison as well as the chairman of Libya's Nuclear Energy Agency, according to the communique, which also noted that Jallud "highly praised" Soviet efforts to eliminate the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear accident.

Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi "highly appreciated" the results of Jallud's "important" visit to the USSR, Voice of Greater Arab Homeland radio stated in a report on a 31 May meeting between Al-Qadhdhafi and Jallud. Citing "official sources in Moscow," the UAE paper *AL-ITTIHAD* asserted that the Soviet leaders agreed to supply Libya with new weapons and sophisticated equipment this year, adding that the supplies will include improved SAM-5's, fighter aircraft, and radar systems. The Soviet leaders reportedly asked the Libyans to review the lessons learned from the confrontation with the United States and to use this experience to improve their military performance.

Syria

Commenting on the results of Vice President 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam's recent visit to the Soviet Union, Damascus radio warned "hotheads" in the United States and Israel to carefully scrutinize the statements emanating from both sides on the visit in order to "approach reality" and "return to their senses." The radio stressed the USSR's "determination" to continue supplying aid to Syria, including in the military sphere, and cautioned these "hotheads" to "stop playing with fire," asserting that Syria will not yield in the face of U.S. and Israeli "blackmail" and "threats."

Lebanon

Fighting between Amal Movement and Palestinian gunmen intensified over the weekend as fierce clashes erupted in the Shatila and Burj al-Barajinah areas of the capital, according to Beirut radio. Another 6 people were killed and 59 were wounded in the fighting 1 June, bringing total casualties from 2 weeks' violence to 55 killed and 348 wounded, the radio said. The Algerian Embassy was the focus of political efforts to stop the fighting, Algiers radio noted.

A PLO Executive Committee statement broadcast by Baghdad Voice of PLO radio blamed the violence on "agent sides in the Amal Movement supported by certain Arab sides," claiming that the Palestinian camps in Beirut are being besieged as part of an attempt to "liquidate" them and to expel Palestinian refugees from Lebanon. On the other hand, an Amal statement broadcast by Beirut radio accused "reckless" Palestinian leaders of aborting cease-fire attempts and of attacking Shi'ite areas, warning that Amal has decided to give a "decisive response" to Palestinian attacks and that it is "lying in wait" for those "who dream of returning to Beirut." Nevertheless, Amal leader Nabih Birri stressed that storming the camps is "out of the question" because Amal has "brothers" in them who are not fighting, the radio reported.

As for the foreign hostages in Lebanon, Voice of Lebanon radio cited the Paris magazine *AL-TALI'AH AL-'ARABIYAH*'s report that the French hostages have been transferred to new locations in the Al-Biqa' area while the U.S. hostages have been moved to Damascus.

Israel

District Judge Yosef Harish was appointed attorney general 1 June, replacing Yitzhaq Zamir, a move which Justice Minister Yitzhaq Moda'i asserted had no connection with the ongoing Shin Bet affair, according to Jerusalem radio. Meanwhile, Jerusalem television noted that Prime Minister Shim'on Peres has agreed to the establishment of a commission of inquiry into the affair but that Foreign Minister Yitzhaq Shamir continues to "object firmly" to the establishment of a commission. In a development related to the affair of alleged Israeli spy Jonathan Pollard, a Foreign Ministry spokesman termed U. S. media reports of "extensive" Israeli espionage activities in the United States as "completely baseless," Jerusalem radio reported, and he asserted that the affair was an "exception" to Israel's policy of not spying on that country. However, *THE JERUSALEM POST* reported that Israeli authorities did not "specifically" deny allegations contained in U.S. reports of an Israeli Air Force officer's involvement in the affair, although a "senior Israeli source" cited by the paper maintained that he "was not aware" that the spy ring was wider than originally reported.

Egypt-Israel

Jerusalem radio noted Egyptian President Husni Mubarak's rejection of Israel's proposal for "autonomy" for the Gaza Strip. In remarks cited by MENA, Mubarak ruled out "self-rule" in Gaza, asserting that he could not separate this from the West Bank issue, nor unilaterally undertake efforts without the participation of the West Bank Palestinians or Jordan's King Husayn. Mubarak also expressed his determination to "restore Tabah" to Egypt, emphasizing that Tabah "is Egyptian" and voicing the hope that the Israelis "will understand this."

PLO

In an interview with the Paris paper *AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI* published 30 May, PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat confirmed Algeria's role in the attempt to convene a Palestinian "reconciliation" conference, and he asserted that the Soviet Union "fully supports" the Algerian initiative. 'Arafat admitted, however, that the "struggle front" opposes the initiative, but stressed he believes that the dialogue will succeed. With regard to Rif'at al-Asad, brother of the Syrian president, 'Arafat cited "information" that he will not return to Syria from Europe at least "in the near future," adding that Rif'at's new magazine raises issues that "contradict" aspects of Syrian policy. 'Arafat acknowledged the existence of PLO-Syrian contacts, but he lamented that no "positive results" have been achieved despite the PLO's "positive" stands. In a separate interview with the Rome paper *LA REPUBBLICA* cited by KUNA 30 May, 'Arafat ruled out any peace prospects in the region, and he blamed Israeli and U.S. actions.

Inter-Arab Affairs

"Unidentified sources" cited by the Kuwaiti paper *AL-SIYASAH* disclosed that Syrian Vice President Khaddam will meet with Iraqi Revolution Command Council Deputy Chairman 'Izzat Ibrahim "15 June" in either Damascus or Baghdad to prepare for a Syrian-Iraqi summit, KUNA reported. The paper said the step is the direct result of the recent efforts by Jordanian King Husayn to bring the two countries together.

Arab League Secretary General Chedli Klibi conferred with King Husayn 1 June in Amman during which they reviewed the efforts being undertaken to convene an Arab summit conference, Amman television reported.

Egypt-Iraq

Egyptian Foreign Minister 'Ismat 'Abd al-Majid held talks with his Iraqi counterpart Tariq 'Aziz 1 June, MENA reported. Al-majid, who arrived in Baghdad 31 May on a 2-day visit, revealed that the discussion dealt in part with the fate of the Egyptians recently sentenced in Iraq, and said both sides hope to reach a "satisfactory" solution. Al-majid also met with Iraqi President Saddam Husayn the same day, to whom he delivered a message from Egyptian President Mubarak, according to another MENA report. Meanwhile, Cairo radio reported that Mubarak telephoned Husayn 1 June during which they spoke about the Egyptians sentenced in Iraq, and divulged that the latter "promised" to solve the problem within "2 days."

Iran-Iraq War

A "large maritime target" was attacked by Iraqi naval units off the Iranian coast late 30 May and another such target was raided by Iraqi planes off the Iranian coast 31 May, according to a communique broadcast by Voice of the Masses radio 1 June. In related reportage, Lloyd's informed INA 1 June that a Liberian oil tanker was the maritime target hit by Iraqi missiles 31 May. In other air activity, the Iraqi communique reported Iraqi raids on Khark Island 31 May.

As for Iranian air activity, a communique cited by IRNA divulged that Iranian fighter-bombers raided Iraqi positions in the Chuwartah region, northeast of Iraq's Sulaymaniyah Province 1 June.

Speaking to reporters, Islamic Revolution Guards Corps Commander Mohsen Reza'i predicted that the war will be "determined this year," and revealed that on Imam Khomeyni's orders, Iran has embarked upon an "extensive program" designed to achieve a "quick and ultimate victory," IRNA reported.

Iran-USSR

IRNA reported Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Javad Larijani's meeting with the head of the Soviet delegation to the current UN talks on Africa in New York 29 May during which they discussed expanding economic and technical relations between the two countries.

DRA-Pakistan

Commenting on the recently concluded seventh round of talks with Pakistan in Geneva, DRA Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost, in reply to a question cited by Kabul radio, described them as "basically useful," and noted that "relative progress" was achieved on all issues discussed.

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Najibullah Address in Balkh Province

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[Speech by PDPA General Secretary Najibullah to party and state activists in Balkh Province on 28 May — recorded]

[Excerpts] Comrades: You are aware that during these visits and meetings, our visit to ancient Balkh, the center of the north zone, is the first to the provinces. [Words indistinct] first of all, the northern provinces and the north zone, (?as) other provinces and zones, are on the front line of the present undeclared war and now the only wish of the people of Afghanistan is to maintain peace and security and stabilize the situation. Therefore, (?it shows) your importance as the courageous fighters of the PDPA and the self-sacrificing soldiers of the April Revolution.

The second point is that you are situated in a region which is in the heart of Afghanistan, the Afghanistan for which we now fight and sacrifice our lives in order to build a prosperous, progressive, and developed Afghanistan.

The third and important point is that you are neighbors of the USSR, the historic and sincere friend of the Afghan people. Your zone and your Balkh Province is a good neighbor of the USSR. It is from here that the friendship bridge of the USSR is extended toward Afghanistan, toward the south, and toward the south. [as heard] [applause]

Dear comrades. I am pleased to meet you militant members of the industrial heart of Afghanistan. First of all, I would like to inform you of the current situation, the current situation in the resolutions of the 18th Plenum of the PDPA Central Committee. We are aware that Comrade Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, attended the plenum of the Balkh Provincial Party Committee to explain [the resolutions of the 18th plenum]. I ask you frankly, as a comrade and in a democratic atmosphere, if you have any questions. I am humbly available to you. If the comrades say that everything is clear to them, then we can (?go ahead) with our talk. Are there any questions, comrades? Is everything clear?

In connection with the 18th Plenum, the party committee of Kabul city unanimously accepted its resolutions. The second nation-wide session of the secretaries of the party organizations of the Army expressed their full support. The activists of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Sarandoys expressed their support with warm friendly and comradely enthusiasm. Other meetings of all nationalities, tribes, and clans and representatives of the nationalities of various provinces also approved the resolutions of the 18th Plenum. In the provinces everywhere, including Balkh Province, plenums were held in high political and organizational level; and you, in a complete unanimity of views, supported this issue and now when I asked the comrades about the subject, there were no questions. All provincial party committees, most of workers' collectives, nationalities, tribes, and clans have sent (?messages) since the 2d day of the plenum. Up to now, a total of 219 congratulatory messages have arrived.

We should not look backward and talk about the past. We should look forward and take steps forward. It is about this that I would like to talk to you today. The PDPA Central Committee in its 18th Plenum put an historic responsibility [words indistinct] before the party and every party member for the destiny of the April Revolution, for an immediate end to bloodshed in revolutionary Afghanistan, and for the development and deepening of Afghan-Soviet friendship. It is therefore necessary for us to (?reexamine) the method of our work, enhance its effectiveness, and to get closer to people, to those in need and their needs.

Carrying out party and political work for their sake is a serious matter. People's boredom and discontent have mounted. Now the speeding up of political, economic, and social transformations and the solutions of accumulated problems are needed. What are the aspects of the reconstruction? First, it lies in party and organizational work. An increase in initiative by the PDPA members leads to an increase in the initiative of the provincial and party committees and organizations, and in party committees everywhere. Work with cadres should intensify. Sacking of lazy and idle people should be (?carried out). Begin this matter in party organizations and state organs. Transfer work centers from the cities and center of provinces to the districts, subdistricts, villages, and localities. Meeting daily with toilers and various categories of people should become a fact in your provincial party committee. People have a lot of questions and problems. Let them to come to us rather then to go to the enemy.

Second, reconstruction lies in political and educational work. The most important fact is that the political education of the party members be regulated. Our shortcomings in this regard are very great; they should be specified, magnified and solutions should be sought. These shortcomings and deficiencies should be removed. It would be incorrect to say that the people of Afghanistan completely trust us and have confidence in us. One of the reasons for this lies in the fact that we have not yet succeeded to bring about a unity between our words and actions. It is necessary to avoid repeated, splendid, and magnificient meetings; instead, hold individual meetings with small groups of people. In this connection, it is necessary that the authority of a worker or of a propagandist soldier who has a close contact with people be enhanced in order to convey the word of party to them. We have to count more and more on our local activists, not on those sent from the capital; otherwise, it will not be correct.

We, too, will appoint responsible officials for your provincial party committee through the capital.

The other serious issue in this line, is to pay particular attention to the observation of party morals by leading party cadres. Comrades, go forward towards simplicity. Our people's pain, sorrow, and suffering still have not been removed. There still exists illiteracy, disease, hunger, sickness, and ignorance. We should not make our people's burden of pain and sorrow any heavier by acts, activities, fashions, and splendor. Comrades, let us try to establish humility and modesty. The magnificent meetings, glorious receptions, presentation of gifts, and other practices should be stopped. This issue is of particular importance to you. The task has been given to the PDPA Central Committee party control committee to arrange necessary norms in relation to [words indistinct] transportation offices, and new accomodation for leading cadres, who are come from the capital.

The Politburo has issued instructions halting privileges for the relatives of leading party staff in education, work and service in the Armed Forces. All efforts, endeavors, and every illegitimate means are being used to gain privilege, cover oneself, avoid performing the patriotic task of defending the April Revolution and its outcome, and serving in the military. People, therefore, are judging us ruthlessly butjustly and are saying: You do not send your relatives, your brothers to military service for defending the revolution, but demand to send my children.

A task has been give to the PDPA Central Committee Party Control Committee to prepare a proposal concerning the assessment of the annual income and expenses of leading cadres. After approval by the Politburo, it will be sent to the party committee. This way, each member of our party leadership has a (?clean account). That is to say, this is my income and these are my expenses. You can gain the trust of the people by becoming a model among them.

These are some of the spheres of reconstruction. Do you support them comrades? Thank you for your support and backing. The best support and backing is to put into practice the [words indistinct] task which has been given to us by the party leadership. [applause]

Balkh Province must be transformed into a symbol for revolutionary Afghanistan. All resources in this respect are available, but at the moment these resources are not being used to the maximum. There are many shortcomings in the organizational work of the party provincial organizations; there is still no party organization in 118 villages. In your party organization, the number of peasants is only 85 percent of [words indistinct] which is equal to 450,000 persons. But the number of peasants in your party organization is only 570 persons. This means that of every 100,000 persons, you have only attracted one peasant. [as heard] Are you pleased with this? The acceptance of peasants in the PDPA during the current year is worse than before: Of 6,000 tradesmen and craftsmen only 52 persons became PDPA members. You can see what the situation of the social organizations.

In the DYOA 5,700 persons, in the DWOA 1,326 persons, in the trade unions 1,555 persons, in the NFF a total of 5,854 persons are members. Why is the number of the members of the DWOA and NFF so low? What is happening to the trade unions? Your party provincial committee should analyze the reasons for these shortcomings and should question those responsible and punish them.

In the north zone -- Balkh and Jowzjan -- are the oil and gas mines and their processing systems, the production of chemical fertilizer, power, light industry production, and foodstuffs and agriculture. Transport vehicle and construction projects have been developed. The important issue for you and for the entire country is that of gas and oil. It is obvious that the extraction of gas has been planned for 2.7 billion square meters and for oil 10,000 tons in the 1986 state plan. The engineering calculations show that the real extraction of gas in the current year will be 2.6 billion square meters. If we consider that 2.4 billion square meters of gas should be exported, there will only be 200 million square meters left to produce chemical fertilizer, diesel fuel, and electricity. Is it enough? Comrade Masir is here with us. He might agree with us that this is not enough.

It is necessary to assess another issue: The extraction of 10,000 tons oil by Mines and Industry Minister Comrade Masir. The oil mentioned is being extracted from five wells of [words indistinct] But nothing has been done yet. There is no power and no place to live. The Central Committee will make inquires about the non implementation of the plan. Therefore, we request Comrade (?Sangin), responsible for the Economic Department of the PDPA Central Committee, and Comrade Masir to take the necessary and practical steps to implement the plan.

In Balkh Province there are 85 private industrial and commercial establishments. Only half of them are active. What has been done by party provincial committees and councils of representatives of the provincial people to help the private investors, based on the 10 Theses? Who is going to reply to this question? What sort of practical measures have been taken to attract and absorb the private investors and support them, give them confidence, encouragement? All measures should be immediately taken in order to defend the April Revolution and its national democratic stage. Up to now, they have been uncertain.

Najibullah Addresses Ghowr Province Officials

LD011939 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Excerpts] Comrade Najibullah, general secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, this afternoon met with the elders and representatives of Ghowr Province at the Storay Palace of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After hearing their problems, he assured them that the party and state will make every effort toward solving the problems of the people of Ghowr.

Addressing the people of Ghowr Province, Comrade Najibullah said: During long years the working people have been faced with many problems and have tolerated innumerable difficulties. Completely recognizing the problems of these people, our party and state deems itself dutybound to take practical and serious measures in solving their difficulties.

Comrade Najibullah spoke about the groundless propaganda of the enemies of revolution and the blood shed in Afghanistan due to the undeclared war of reaction and imperialism, and said: The enemies of our revolution through various means intend to create obstacles in the way of the realization of the lofty aims of our party and revolutionary state. They fan the flames of bloodshed and fratricide in our beloved homeland. Our party and revolutionary state resolutely wants to put an end to this aimless fratricide and bloodshed; therefore, we have announced a national reconciliation and national compromise. Those of our compatriots who have left their beloved country due to various reasons should return to the homeland and actively participate in the reconstruction, progress and development. We are ready and prepared to provide all possible opportunities and facilities for the construction of their prosperous life. We are working and struggling for the construction of a tranquil and peaceful life, so that our people no longer suffer and all will be prosperous and fortunate.

Foreign Minister Summarizes Talks With Pakistan

LD311714 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Foreign Minister Shah Mohammad Dost replying to a question by a BAKHTAR correspondent said the following on the results of the seventh round of Geneva talks: The seventh round of proximity talks between the DRA and Pakistan delegations under the auspices of Diego Cordovez, representative and assistant to the UN Secretary General, was held in Geneva from 5-23 May 1986. In this round of talks discussions were held on all relevant documents for a political settlement of the situation around Afghanistan, that is the cessation of intervention against the DRA, an international guarantee of its nonrepetition, and the return of Afghan refugees. However, the talks primarily centered on the document linking the issues of nonintervention, an international guarantee and the return of refugees with the return of the limited contingents of the Soviet Union.

The issue of a timetable for the withdrawal of the limited contingents was also touched upon. The Afghan side presented its stance on the subject in consideration of the supreme interests of its people and the situation and objective conditions inside and around Afghanistan. It should be said frankly that the main issue from the view point of the DRA is the cessation of intervention against our country and an international guarantee of its nonrepetition.

Shah Mohammad Dost added that the talks were basically useful and relative progress was achieved on the subjects discussed. The main aspect of the results of this round of talks is that both sides now better understand each other's views on the subjects under discussion.

The foreign minister said that the DRA delegation participated in this round of talks with a principled policy, good intentions and necessary flexibility in order to reach a speedy solution to the situation around Afghanistan, and will continue its constructive stance in the future. Finally it was decided to resume this round of talks on 30 July this year.

Gulbuddin Group Joins Kabul Security Forces

LD311631 Kabul BAKHTAR in Dari 1130 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Kabul, 31 May (BAKHTAR) — Recently, a group of five armed men previously belonging to the Gulbuddin band have joined the security forces in Shakardara, Kabul Province, taking advantage of the DRA Revolutionay Council amnesty decree and message and resolution of the Loya Jirga and High Jirga for Tribes. Regretting their past, they promised to make any sacrifices for the defense of the April Revolution.

Rebels 'Crushed', Arms Seized in Kabul Province

LD311752 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Citing a security forces spokesman, a BAKHTAR correspondent reports that as a result of successful operation by the security forces in Shakardara district, Kabul Province, a number of counterrevolutionary elements were crushed.

A surface-to-air rocket, 38 surface-to-surface rockets, an explosive device, a recoilless gun, four heavy machine guns, a rocket launcher with 100 shells, a box of DShK's and Kalashnikov shells, 70 mortars, 16 antitank mines and a number of anti-state documents and papers were seized by the country's security forces. The report adds that during the operation two enemy hideouts and an arms depot were destroyed.

Riyadh: Mujahidin Shoot Down Soviet Helicopter

GF010758 Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic 0600 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] The Afghan mujahidin shot down a Soviet MI-8 helicopter on 26 May near Qandahar Airport in southeast Afghanistan. According to reports reaching Pakistan yesterday, the craft blew up in mid-air after being hit by a missile after its take off from Qandahar Airport. The entire crew was killed.

Airport Security Tightened Following Bomb Plot

BK010905 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Excerpts] Security agencies in Canada and the United States are reported to have stepped up surveillance of known extremists in the two countries following the detection of a plot to blow up an Air India plane.

Security arrangements at all the airports in the country have also been further tightened. In a communique to the officials of the Department of Civil Aviation, its director of security, Mr M.L. Bhanot, has asked them to be more vigilant in maintaining security for aircraft and the passengers.

Continuing Reportage on Events in Punjab State

Transfer of Chandigarh 21 Jun

BK311609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] The Center has decided to transfer Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st of next month under the terms of the Punjab accord of July 1985. The term of the Venkataramaiah Commission, which was due to expire today, has been extended till the 10th of June. The extension has been granted as there has been no agreement between the governments of Punjab and Haryana on the villages which could be transferred to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh.

A government press note issued in New Delhi a short while ago says Haryana did not prefer any claim to any specific villages in the original claims statement. It preferred the claim only on Thursday evening and yesterday. The state government also requested that the term of the commission should be extended.

The press note says that the extension till the 10th of next month will give enough time to complete legal processes involved for which a time schedule has been worked out.

The home minister has invited the chief ministers of Punjab and Haryana on Monday to discuss the modalities. The government has reiterated its commitment to implement the recommendations of the commission at the earliest on receipt of the report.

An official spokesman said that the commitment to simultaneously transfer Chandigarh to Punjab and areas in lieu thereof to Haryana stands. The decision to transfer Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st of June is in keeping with the spirit underlying the Punjab accord.

The press release says the Center is confident that this major initiative for fulfilling the memorandum of settlement, which is an integrated document, will be welcomed by all. This should not be taken as a victory of one over the other. It is a step toward restoring peace and amity among all sections of the people of Punjab and Haryana and fulfillment of an important national commitment.

Punjab Chief Welcomes Transfer

BK011300 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1230 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Mr Barnala has hailed the announcement of transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st [of June]. Addressing a meeting in Patiala, he urged the people of the state to jointly fight the forces which are indulging in terrorism and other disruptive activities. Mr Barnala reminded the people of the supreme sacrifice made by Sant Harchand Singh Longowal and Mr Darshan Singh Peruman for the unity and integrity of the country. The chief minister assured them that the sanctity of religious places will be maintained at all costs and nobody will be allowed to use these places for antisocial and anti-Panthic [anti-Sikh] activities.

Several Congress-I leaders, including the Punjab Pradesh [State] Congress-I president, Mr Beant Singh, have also hailed the transfer of Chandigarh to Punjab on the 21st. In a press statement they said that they are sure that the interest of Haryana will not be ignored by the commission. The Punjab rural development and panchayat [village council] minister, Mr Baldev Singh Kheala, said by fixing the date, the central government has taken a step in the right direction.

AFP: Security Forces Leave Temple

BK020441 Hong Kong AFP in English 0425 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Amritsar, India, June 2 (AFP) — Indian security forces withdrew Monday from the Sikhs' holiest shrine, the Golden Temple, eyewitnesses said. About 300 men withdrew at 5.30 (0000 GMT) and no members of the security forces remained in the complex, police said. Apart from police, other members of the security forces — including mean used normally for border-patrolwork — also left the temple Monday, the eyewitnesses said. On Saturday, 250 policemen had been withdrawn from the temple's outskirits. The Punjab government had ordered police into the complex April 30 after a group of hard-core militants declared a Sikh state, called Khalistan or "Land of the Pure".

Security in the Golden Temple is currently assured by a special force of sword-carrying ex-servicemen which is under the government of Punjab, led by Sikh moderates. Sikh militants have said that "commando squads" would "liberate" the temple from moderate rule during the next few days. They have called for a "genocide week" to mark the second anniversary on June 4 of the storming of the shrine by the Indian Army in which 650 Sikh militants died, including their leader Jarnail Singh Bhindrawale.

Barnala Gives Assurances

BK020748 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0730 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Police and security forces were completely withdrawn from the Golden Tempie complex in Amritsar this morning. The Amritsar deputy commissioner said the forces were pulled out of the complex areas on the instructions of the Punjab chief minister, Mr Surjit Singh Barnala.

Mr Barnala had assured the Sikh high priest that the forces will be withdrawn when he appeared before the Akal Takht [highest seat of the Sikh religion] in Amritsar on the 26th of last month after completing the atonement for the police action in the temple. The Shiromani Gurdwara Prabandhak [Sikh Temple Management] Committee [SGPC] has taken over control of the complex. The secretary of the SGPC, Mr Bhan Singh, told news agency PTI that senior police and security officials have handed over charge of the Golden Temple complex to the SGPC. Police and security forces were deployed in the complex after the police action to flush out terrorists on the 30th of April.

Security Arrangements Made for Protest

BK010324 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] In Punjab adequate security arrangements have been made in view of the call for observance of protest week from today. The call has been given by the All India Sikh Student Federation and the Akali Dal led by Baba Joginder Singh. Some preventive arrests have also been made in view of the call.

200 Preventative Arrests Made

BK011609 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] A special session of the Punjab assembly begins in Chandigarh tomorrow to elect a new speaker and a deputy speaker. The speaker, Mr Ravi Inder Singh, had resigned in the wake of a split in the party. Mr Nirmal Singh Kahlon also resigned as a deputy speaker on his joining the ministry. The governor, Mr S.S. Ray, has appointed Mr Mohan Lal the pro tem speaker.

The state government has taken adequate precautionary measures in view of the call for a protest week from today. The call has been given by the All India Sikh Students Federation. About 200 preventative arrests have been made so far.

Congress-S Leader Arrested in Karnataka

BK010925 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] The Congress-S president, Mr Sharad Pawar, was arrested at Belgaum in Karnataka today along with Mr Suresh Kalmadi, party MP, and some workers for violating prohibitory orders. Mr Pawar was leading a demonstration to protest against the compulsory study of Kannada language in the border areas of the state. Talking to newsmen, Mr Pawar ruled out holding of any talks with the chief minsiter, Mr Ramakrishna Hegde, on the issue.

Meanwhile, life in Belgaum City is said to be normal despite the bundh [strike] called today by the Kannada leaders to protest against the staging of satyagraha [passive protest] by the Samyukta Maharashtra Border Samity [United Maharashtra Border Society]. The State Transport Corporation has withdrawn city buses as a precautionary measure and suspended interstate buses to centers in Maharashtra. Police have taken 100 persons into preventive custody.

2 Killed by Police Fire

BK011606 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] In Karnataka two persons were killed when police opened fire this evening at (Khandelgaum), near Belgaum, to disperse a mob indulging in arson, looting, and stone throwing. Police resorted to firing when lathi [baton] charge and tear gas failed to disperse the crowd. The AIR [All India Radio] Belgaum correspondent, quoting official sources, reports that the violent mob set fire to a police jeep and some residential quarters in the jail area and a government office. The mob also blocked the traffic. According to police, the situation is under control.

Narayanan Meets Pakistani Counterpart at UN Session

BK310934 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] India has stressed the need to go through various steps necessary for normalizing ties with Pakistan. The subject was discussed at a meeting the minister of state for external affairs, Mr K.R. Narayanan, had with Pakistani counterpart Mr Zain Noorani. The two leaders are now at the UN headquarters attending the General Assembly's special session on the economic situation in Africa. Mr Narayanan also met the Soviet deputy foreign minister, Mr Yuriy Vorontsov, and the Cypriot foreign minister.

At his meeting with both Mr Noorani and Mr Vorontsov, Mr Narayanan discussed the situation in Afghanistan and the recent UN sponsored proximity talks between Pakistan and Afghanistan. He also discussed disarmament and relations between India and the Soviet Union with Mr Vorontsov.

7 Injured in Bomb Explosion in Peshawar 30 May
BK301722 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1700 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] According to APP, seven persons were injured when a bomb exploded inside a main roadway's house in the (Hasinabad) area of Peshawar city this morning.

Noorani Meets With Indian Counterpart at UN Session
BK310500 Karachi Domestic Service in Urdu 0200 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Zain Noorani, leader of the Paksitani delegation attending the UN General Assembly special session on Africa, exchanged views with his Indian counterpart, K.R. Narayanan, on steps to accelerate the pace of normalizing relations between their two countries. The talks focused mainly on various aspects of Pakistani-Indian relations. Authorities say that the Pakistani minister of state for foreign affairs stressed that technical matters should not be allowed to hamper the process of normalizing relations, which gained momentum following the New Delhi summit meeting between President Mohammad Ziaul Haq and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

APP understands that Noorani told Narayanan that the Pakistani people are awaiting the Indian prime minister's decision on visiting Pakistan and hope that the Indian premier will make his trip soon. He added that, if some issues remain to be settled by the time Gandhi makes the trip, it will accelerate the process of normalizing relations between the two countries.

The two ministers expressed satisfaction over the progress achieved in [formulating] the drafts of Pakistan's proposal for a no-war pact and India's counterproposal for a cooperation and friendship treaty. They hoped that an agreement will be concluded in this regard soon.

Agreeing that normalization of relations is in the best interests of both countries, Narayanan raised the issue of improving trade, while Noorani believed that an understanding on political matters is also necessary for progress in this regard. The Pakistani minister of state for foreign affairs proposed an exchange of visits by parliamentary delegations of the two countries to create an atmosphere of better relations between their peoples and enhance understanding.

Noorani also apprised his Indian counterpart of the progress in the indirect Geneva talks to settle the Afghan crisis. Noorani and Narayanan also exchanged views on the African economic crisis and the efforts being made at the special session for its solution.

Earlier, the Pakistani minister of state for foreign affairs exchanged views with Mauritius Foreign Minister Madun Dulloo on bilateral matters. He also called on Islamic Conference Organization Secretary General Sharifuddin Pirzada, with whom he exchanged views on issue concerning the Islamic community.

The U.S. representative at the United Nations, Walters, also met Noorani at Pakistan's UN mission.

Planning Minister on Growth Targets for Past 3 Years
BK311149 Karachi Domestic Service in English 1005 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] The sixth plan has surpassed its overall GDP [Gross National Product] Growth targets during the first 3 years of operation. This was stated by the federal minister for planning and development, Dr Mahbubul Haq, at a news conference in Islamabad this morning. He said the actual annual growth has been 6.9 percent in real terms as against the target of 6.5 percent.

The inflation rate has been brought down to about 5 percent during the current year by restricting recourse to deficit financing while development priorities have been changed — a key objective of the sixth plan. The sixth plan favored speedy development in the rural areas. This would be further accelerated with the implementation of the prime minister's 5-point program. Private investment is now accounting for about 90 percent of new investment in industries while investment in the public sector industries has been reduced to about 10 percent. The federal minister for planning and development said the major shift in the public sector development priorities has been made in favor of power generation and distribution.

He said considerable deregulation has been achieved with the removal of control from various items and relaxation of control on travel and foreign exchange.

Despite considerable success being achieved under the sixth plan, there are many problems which require greater national attention. These include low rate of literacy, high rate of population growth, and widespread unemployment. These are the issues being addressed in the development program of the next year and these would also require top priority in future planning.

Dr Mahabubul Haq said the government was attaching great importance to tackling the twin menace of waterlogging and salinity. For this purpose, 2.26 billion rupees have been provided in the next fiscal year's development program. He said priority is being given to implement the Kachchi Abadi [slum areas] scheme.

He said that unemployment was a major challenge to the country. The planning commission in this regard was chalking out a comprehensive strategy to help meet this challenge.

He said that the Iqra [literacy] funds would only be spent on the promotion of education.

BANGLADESH

Foreign Minister Warns India on Aiding Insurgents

BK011301 Hong Kong AFP in English 1249 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Dhaka, June 1 (AFP) — Bangladesh Sunday warned that it would consider it an "unfriendly act" if India was found to be supporting tribal insurgents in Southeastern Bangladesh. Foreign Minister Humayun Rashid Chowdhury, at a briefing here Sunday, said that so far, Dhaka had no clear evidence that India has been helping the so-called "Shanti Bahini" insurgents in the Chittagong hill tracts. "But if they're doing it, we would take it as an unfriendly act not conducive to good neighbourly relations," Mr Chowdhury said.

The foreign minister's Statement followed press reports that India had been giving support and sanctuary to the guerrillas, an allegation denied by New Delhi.

The "Shanti Bahini," or peace force, have been active in the Chittagong area, which borders Burma and the eastern Indian states of Tripura and Mizoram, since the early 1970's and have stepped up their activities recently. Dhaka newspapers have quoted local officials as saying that more than 60 people were killed and over 250 injured in May in Shanti Bahini attacks on settlers' villages in the Chittagong hill tracts.

Mr Chowdhury also said he could not confirm a recent report that India has resumed work on a barbed wire fence along its border with Bangladesh. The foreign minister said the newly created South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) should help neighboring countries solve bilateral issues. He also stressed the need for early establishment of a secretariat for the SAARC to help step up regional cooperation.

Further Details

BK020405 Dhaka Domestic Service in English 0110 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Bangladesh has requested India not to give shelter or assistance to the outlawed Shanti Bahini members who have indulged in killing innocent [words indistinct] and destroying property. The request was made at the official level meeting between Bangladesh and India at the border town of Ramgarh under Khagrachari District yesterday. At the meeting Bangladesh explained clearly the gravity of atrocities still committed by the so-called Shanti Bahini men and its severe consequences in our social and national life.

SRI LANKA

India Urged To Continue Mediation Efforts With Tamils

BK301615 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] The Sri Lankan national security minister, Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, says Colombo agrees in principle to give further clarifications on the recent proposals on the ethnic question. He told the Indian high commissioner, Mr J.N. Dixit, during a meeting this evening that Sri Lanka is interested in the continuance of India's good offices in resolving the island's ethnic issue. He said Colombo would like to interact with New Delhi over the various aspects of the problem.

The chief of joint operation command, Lieutenent General Cyril Ranatunge, who was present during the meeting, gave Mr Dixit details of the operations in Jaffna. Mr Dixit is scheduled to meet President Jayewardene tomorrow before leaving for Delhi. The Sri Lanka finance minister, Mr Ronnie de Mel, has also said that urgent steps are necessary to start the process of negotiations between the government and the Tamil groups.

Jayewardene Supports Mediation

BK310938 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] The Sri Lankan president, Mr Jayewardene, has said that he wants India to continue its good offices to help solve the ethnic issue in the island. Mr Jayewardene told the Indian high commissioner in Colombo, Mr Dixit, who met him this morning, that the Indian efforts are useful and Sri Lanka believes in these. He said he is also willing to send representatives to India for continuing the discussions. Mr Jayewardene told Mr Dixit that he is willing to give further elaborations and new formulations on the pending matters of the ethnic question.

During the 45-minute meeting, Mr Jayewardene wanted Mr Dixit to inform the prime minister, Mr Rajiv Gandhi, about the upsurge in the militants violence against civilians. He sought Mr Gandhi's cooperation in solving the issue.

All India Radio Colombo correspondent, Plaban Majumder, understands that Mr Dixit will not be carrying with him any specific formulations when he leaves for New Delhi tonight, but clarifications will be given by the Sri Lankan Government once contacts for the discussion are reestablished.

Clarifications will take into account the suggestions made by the minister of state for personnel, Mr Chidambaram, during his visit to Sri Lanka early this month.

Continuing Reportage on Clashes With Tamils

14 Soldiers Killed by Land Mine

BK301237 Hong Kong AFP in English 1231 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Colombo, May 30 (AFP) — Fourteen soldiers were killed and 15 wounded when a landmine planted by Tamil separatists exploded Friday in northeastern Trincomalee District, Security officials said here. One of the vehicles travelling in an army convoy in the district was hit by the blast, the National Security Ministry sources said.

The landmine blast came less than half an hour after an explosion at a Colombo soft drinks and meat manufacturing plant in which at least eight people died and nearly 50 were wounded.

LTTE Claims Responsibility

BK310711 Hong Kong AFP in English 0643 GMT 31 May 86

[Excerpt] Colombo, May 31 (AFP) — The death toll in a land-mine attack in northern Sri Lanka and a bomb attack in Colombo by suspected Tamil militants has risen to 35, official sources said Saturday.

Twenty one soldiers and five civilians were killed when a land-mine set by suspected Tamil militants exploded under a bus carrying troops in an army convoy near the village of Palathoppur in Trincomalee District Friday, Joint Operations Command, the main anti-guerrilla headquarters, said Saturday. Twelve solders and two civilians were injured, and three of the soldiers were in serius condition, the sources said.

On Friday, official sources had said 14 soldiers died in the blast. The blast was believed to have originated in a lorry bringing empty bottles for refilling from the north, security sources said.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE Saturday that the police had warned the plant authorities to be wary of packages and vehicles being brought into the plant as intelligence reports had mentioned a possible attack on the plant.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), one of the main Tamil separatist groups, claimed responsibility for Friday's land-mine blast in a statement issued in northern Jaffna. Nobody has claimed the Colombo blast, but security sources said they thought it was the work of either the Tamil Eelam Army (TEA) or the Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS).

TEA is held responsible for an attack earlier this month on an Air Lanka jet at Colombo's international airport in which 17 people died.

Death Toll Rises

BK311129 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 31 May 86

[Excerpt] Eight bodies of the bomb explosion at Ceylon cold store's premises yesterday have so far been identified. Another person, who was treated at the general hospital following serious injuries, died today increasing the death toll to 10. The police and the government analysts this morning continued on-the-spot investigation.

Meanwhile, the number of soldiers, who were killed yesterday at Trincomalee following a land mine explosion, is now 21. Five civilians, including a CGD [expansion unknown] employee, were also killed by the land mine. Twelve soldiers and 2 other civilians, who were injured, are now being treated in hospital.

Tamils Suspected in Train Blast

BK311448 Hong Kong AFP in English 1437 GMT 31 May 86

[Excerpt] Colombo, May 31 (AFP) — Nine people were killed and 55 injured Saturday in a suspected Tamil militant bombing of a Colombo-bound train, military sources and railway officials said. Railway officials in Veyangoda, 23 miles (37 kilometers) north of Colombo, said that nine bodies had been recovered from the wreckage of the train. Helicopters were rushed to the scene of the blast from air force headquarters in Colombo to fly out the seriously wounded, military sources said.

Official sources here said they strongly suspect militant Tamil separatists of having planted an explosive device on board the train, probably in a parcel destined for Colombo. The explosion occurred in the freight wagon of the train headed for the capital from eastern Batticaloa District, railway officials said.

The coach immediately next to the one believed to have contained the explosive device was filled with soldiers returning to the capital for the weekend from Batticaloa District, they said. However, security sources here refused to confirm that army personnel had been aboard the train.

(Meanwhile, PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) reported in New Delhi that the militant Tamil Eelam Revolutionary Organisation (EROS) had claimed responsibility for Friday's blasts.

(The agency quoted EROS sources in the southern city of Madras as saying their group was behind the explosions and denying a claim made Friday by another militant group, the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, that they were responsible for the land-mine blast in northern Trincomalee District.

(PTI said EROS also claimed responsibility for a bomb which exploded aboard an Air Lanka jet in Colombo earlier this month, killing 17 people.)

Train Attack 'Warning' to Army

BK011628 Hong Kong AFP in English 1619 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Excerpt] New Delhi, June 1 (AFP) — A Tamil militant group Sunday claimed responsibility for a bomb explosion on a Sri Lankan train which left 12 people dead and 50 injured, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA (PTI) said.

The Eelam Revolutionary Organisation of Students (EROS) said in Madras that the blast was meant to be a "warning" to the Sri Lankan army to stop "atrocities" against the island's Tamil minority population, PTI said. A spokesman for EROS denied that the victims were civilians, saying they were soldiers and commandos of a special task force set up to fight Tamil guerrillas, the news agency said.

IRGC Commander: Khomeyni Orders Quick Victory

LD311333 Tehran IRNA in English 1301 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 31, IRNA — Commander of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC) Mohsen Reza'i said here Saturday that fate of the Iraqi-imposed war will be determined this year. He added that the Islamic Revolution of Iran, upon orders by the commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, Imam Khomeyni, has decided to implement extensive program for the continuation of the war and achievement of a quick and ultimate victory.

Speaking to domestic reporters at the IRGC headquarters, Reza'i said that since the withdrawal of the Iraqi enemy from Iran, the Islamic combatants have continued a war of defence expecting the world to identify the aggressor. But, he stressed, the superpowers and their allies have so far shown that they would not accept any reasoning but force. "Therefore", Reza'i said "Iran has no alternative but to employ all its manpower and economic potentials for the war efforts in order to deal such a fatal blow on the enemy that no one dares stand against us". He said so far two percent of Iranian manpower and 12 percent of the country's economic facilities have been employed for the war efforts. Nevertheless, he added, 150,000 Muslim combatants with one tenth of the equipment of the 750,000 Iraqi Army achieved such a great victory in the liberation of Al-Faw Peninsula. "We do not need advanced planes and tanks for victory. Employment of infantry forces with light weapons, four times more than the number of Iraqi troops, will be enough for Iran to overcome the enemy," he noted.

However, Reza'i added that all Iranian technical schools would start manufacture of munitions and military equipment while hundreds of turneries [machine-shops] are scheduled to produce military hardware to be put at the disposal of the Muslim combatants.

Asked whether the U.S.-backed regimes in the region were likely to interfere in the Iraqi-imposed war, the IRGC commander said that those regimes were so instable that they were not able to despatch their forces outside their countries for fear of internal crisis.

Reza'i described coordination between the Army and the IRGC as "unprecedented" and said that it was at its highest level.

On the present situation in war fronts, he said that Iraqi forces in a bid to halt launching of the Val-Fajr-10 offensive, have made some hasty attempts which have only resulted in heavy casualties for them.

Majlis Speaker Addresses IRGC Commanders 1 Jun

LD020827 Tehran IRNA in English 0745 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 2, IRNA — Majlis Speaker Hojjat ol-Eslam Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani said here Sunday that Val-Fajr-8 offensive has proved that the Iraqi enemy is severely vulnerable and unable to resist and defend. Rafsanjani who is also Imam Khomeyni's representative to the Supreme Defence Council, was speaking at the concluding session of a gathering of commanders of the Islamic Revolution's Guards Corps (IRGC). He stressed that although the Baghdad regime in recent Iranian offensives sustained fatal blows, suffered heavy casualties, lost a vital part of its territory as well as its military reputation, it has embarked a new round of vicious efforts which it termes as "new strategy". However, the Majlis speaker noted, this new move of the Baghdad regime should be called "suicide strategy" since the Iraqi ruler and his supporters have decided to employ all available Iraqi resources.

Therefore, Rafsanjani said, imperialist powers will exert pressures on the Islamic Republic of Iran to weaken it in economic, propaganda and political fields and Iranian people should prepare themselves for such actions. To this end, volunteers for war fronts should be trained and battlefields should be provided with sufficient forces, the Majlis speaker said. He added that since last month number [as received] of privates to receive military training has doubled and according to a recent approval by the Supreme Defence Council military service of the present privates will be extended for another two months.

Circulars have been issued for government organizations and revolutionary institutions to put all their potentials including manpower, at the service of war fronts, Rafsanjani said. He expressed hope that with the new move an excellent condition will be created and both Iranian and Iraqi nations will get over with the imposed war. Therefore, the Majlis speaker said, Muslim people in Iran and Iraq will live a fraternal and peaceful life and will work towards the liberation of Qods and Palestine.

Larijani Meets Soviet Official at United Nations

LD301204 Tehran IRNA in English 1103 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 30, IRNA — Iran's Deputy Foreign Minister Javad Larijani currently in New York attending the 13th emergency session of the U.N. General Assembly on economic crisis in Africa, met and conferred with the head of the Soviet delegation to the session Yuliy M. Voronstov Thursday. Afghanistan's issue, U.S. threats against security of progressive countries as well as expansion of bilateral relations were discussed in the meeting.

During the session Larijani explained the Islamic Republic's stance vis-a-vis Afghanistan and said imperialism should be prevented from infiltrating into that country and called for establishment of a popular and independent government in Afghanistan. The two sides reviewed U.S. recent provocations in the Persian Gulf as part of its new policy to exert pressure in order to attain political hegemony over the region.

The talks also covered expansion of economic and technical relations between Iran and the Soviet Union and establishment of a joint commission.

Larijani also met Japan's former foreign minister Saburo Okita, secretary general of the Islamic Conference Organization (ICO) Sharifuddin Pirzada and also his Bulgarian counterpart Luben Gotser.

Condemns UN Statement

LD301809 Tehran IRNA in English 1525 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 30, IRNA — Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Javad Larijani, has condemned industrial countries for their interference in and rape of the African continent. Larijani made the remark at the extraordinary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on economic crisis in Africa, where he also said he was critical of an Organisation of African Unity (OAU) proposal on economic development for Africa which had been submitted to the world body.

The Iranian official told IRNA in an interview at the U.N. headquarters in New York where he and an accompanying delegation arrived Wednesday that plans for the economic development of Africa must be genuinely African and based on its own historical, cultural, economic and political characteristics. He said that Africa did not need any development plan which promoted imperialist policies in the continent. The key to economic development of Africa is through independence of the African peoples, Larijani noted. The OAU's five-year development proposal envisages a budget of dls. 120 billion, out of which dls. 80 billion would be covered by the revenues of African countries and the remaining dls 40 billion to be made up from contributions by Western industrialised countries. The proposal, however, makes no mention of the continent's present dls 100 billion foreign debt not its annual interest and commission charges.

Larijani also told IRNA that although industrial countries buy raw material from Africa at low prices, they in turn sell them manufactured goods at high prices. He said there was no mention of this in the OAU's proposal,

Reportage on Cabinet Session Held 31 May

Musavi Discusses War

LD011830 Tehran IRNA in English 1820 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Prime Minister Hoseyn Musavi expressed hope here Sunday that Iran's Muslim commanders will determine the destiny of the war this year through proper organizing, recruiting and training methods. Speaking in Sunday's cabinet session, Musavi said that Iran's economy and one third of the total budget of the country were completely at the service of the Iraqi-imposed war. "The Islamic Republic is proud of strongly providing for the war" he added. The prime minister said that Iran's affairs are planned in a way that the Islamic Republic can resist even if the war lasts for 20 years. Musavi added that "this is one of glorious achievements of the Islamic Rpublic's authorities in executing such as system in the country."

On Lebanon's recent clashes between Palestinian groups and Amal militiamen, the prime minister said these clashes are to the advantage of both the U.S. and Zionist state of Israel and pose a grave danger to Islam. The prime stressed that the clashes should be ended soon so that the weapons could be used against the Zionist regime. Muslims ought to avoid subjecting each other to war, he added.

Oil Minister on Exports, Prices

GF020522 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 0330 GMT 2 Jun 86

[Excerpt] Important domestic and foreign issues were discussed at last evening's cabinet session. During the course of the session, Mr Aqazadeh, the petroleum minister, reported on his ministry's efforts to increase oil exports and domestic distribution of fuel. He said: Despite the present conspiracies, measures are being considered for the control of OPEC members' quotas and the stabilizing of prices at an acceptable level; we should be hopeful of better results.

At this session Mr Mohammad Reza Majidi was appointed director general and member of the board of directors of the Iranian National Airlines. The cabinet members thanked the previous officeholders for their services.

Foreign Ministry Condemns Amal-Palestinian Clashes

LD011820 Tehran IRNA in English 1800 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Iran's Foreign Ministry Sunday condemned the recent clashes between Amal Militia men and Palestinians in Beirut. It furthermore urged the warring sides to stop fighting which it described as a plot hatched by enemies of Islam. In a statement published here the Foreign Ministry said that the clashes are taking place on the threshold of the international Jerusalem Day of June 6, the last Friday of the holy month of Ramadan, and only benefit colonialist powers which are always conspiring to sow discord among Muslims. The Foreign Ministry statement also described the ongoing battle as a plot hatched by the global arrogance and warned the Muslims not to fall victim to this trap.

Guards Corps Prepares for International Qods Day

LD301810 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 30 May 86

[Excerpts] The Islamic Revolution Guards Corps [IRGC], following the important remarks made by the president and chairman of the Supreme Defense Council in the Friday prayers ceremonies of Tehran and the instructions issued by the Khatam ol-Anbiya' Staff Command Headquarters concerning the increased use of the forces and facilities of the country for the purpose of serving the war on the global and historic Qods [Jerusalem] Day, which has been marked as the start of the week for readiness and presence on the battlefronts, announces its preparations for the absorption and participation of the people, organs and institutions into the organization and dispatch of volunteer forces to the warfronts during that week.

All brethren who have completed military training courses and are able to report to the battlefronts as combat forces should present themselves in person as speedily as possible to the bases of the Guards Corps and the defense echelons of the IRGC Basij units all over the country, so that arrangements for sending them to the fronts may be carried out.

2. [number as heard] Forces belonging to the Malek-e Ashtar Project and the combat cadre and combatants who have completed various level of command level courses, or who have specialised combat experience should report at the first opportunity to the centers of the IRGC;

3. Those individuals who have not yet completed their military training should go to the IRGC centers or to the defense contingents of the IRGC Basij throughout the country and register their names in order to be trained and gain necessary self-preparedness to defend Islam and the Islamic homeland, and to obtain their training schedule;

4. Specialized and relief forces and all those dear ones who are able to assist the brave warrior children of the Islamic ummah on the battlefronts, by reporting to the said centers and completing the forms that specify their duties, are fulfilling their religious and national responsibilities in defense of beloved Islam and the Islamic homeland, in confrontation with blasphemy and world arrogance;

5. Different strata from among the people, all organs, institutions, factories and retailers and other centers that are able to assist in some way in the advancement of the objectives of the imposed war, and who can utilize their resources for the purposes of serving the war and Islam, should get in touch with officials in charge of the IRGC of their own province or township;

6. Those brothers who are willing to cooperate as honorary guards with the IRGC, should report to IRGC bases all over the country for registration;

7. Taking note of the point that the organization, formation and employment of facilities and volunteer forces makes it necessary for all strata of the population, organizations and institutions to participate, the IRGC declares its readiness to cooperate in every way in this connection and to expand the establishment of military training centers, including Qods camps throughout the country.

Reportage on Combat Operations in War With Iraq

Iraqis Shell Abadan, Khorramshahr

LD301639 Tehran IRNA in English 1633 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 30, IRNA — One Mosque and 20 houses and buildings were damaged in Abadan as the city was sporadically shelled by the Iraqi artillery from across the border Thursday and Friday. The Iraqi troops also shelled the city of Khorramshahr north of Abadan Thursday and Friday damaging parts of the city. As a result of the Shelling fire erupted in one location of the city.

Communique No 2,486

LD301642 Tehran IRNA in English 1621 GMT 30 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 30, IRNA — A military communique released here Fiday said in sporadic exchange of artillery fire in many of the battlefronts Thursday and Friday [29-30 May] the Iraqi troops had sustained human and material damage.

The Communique Number 2486 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran said here Friday that in Piranshahr, Hajj 'Umran and Sardasht in the northern fronts many of the larger breastworks of the Iraqi forces had been pounded and two of their ammunitions dumps set ablaze. Elsewhere in the north western fronts Iran's Muslim fighters checked the operations of the Iraqi troops ounding heavy blows on them in ambush operations. In Kalaleh Iran's Muslim fighters intercepted and drove back a column of armoured vehicles of the Iraqi forces. At 1.00 hours local time Thursday (21.30 hours GMT Wednesday) Iraqi artillery shelled several areas of the Iranian city of Piranshahr. Artillery fighting continued in the western battlefronts Thursday and Friday raging more heavily in Mehran, Halaleh, Maymak, and (Naykhazar).

In Yebis in the southern fronts one Iraqi patrol was spotted and immediately repelled from the area. In Nahr-Anbar another armoured unit of the Iraqi forces was pounded, and elsewhere in Zobeydah operations of the armoured vehicles of the Iraqi forces were completely checked.

On Thursday and Friday Iran's Muslim forces kept a watchful eye on Iraqi planes west of Jofeyr repelling the reconnaissance and war planes of the Iraqi forces. The Iraqi forces shelled the city of Abadan from across the border on Thursday inflicting some damage on it.

Communique No 2,487

LD311601 Tehran IRNA in English 1548 GMT 31 May 86

[Text] Tehran, May 31, IRNA — Iranian anti-aircraft fire on Friday and Saturday morning repelled invading Iraqi war planes from the airspace of the city of Piranshahr and operational region of Sardasht before they could drop any bombs, according to a military communique released here Friday.

The Joint Staff communique number 2487 said that exchange of artillery fire and sporadic clashes occured in most parts of the battlefronts between Iran's Muslim combatants and the Iraqi forces being somewhat more intense in Hajj 'Umran, Qasr-e Shirin and Mehran operational regions.

In Piranshahr and Sardasht operational regions, the Iranian Muslim combatants inflicted heavy damage and casualties on the Iraqis silencing Iraqi artillery fire, the communique said. It added that the Muslim combatants of Iran demolished Iraqi defense and artillery positions in Marivan, western fronts.

In several areas in northwestern fronts, Iranian reconnaissance aptrols successfully carried out their missions inflicting blows on the enemy, according to the communique. Iraq's oil installations in Banmil were shelled Thursday by the Iranian Muslim combatants sustaining heavy damage, said the communique. In Nahr-Anbar operational region, the communique said, an Iranian patrol unit clashed with Iraqi forces while gathering information about enemy forces behind their links. The unit returned safely to its base, it added. The Joint Staff said that an Iraqi armorued column was reconnoitered and subjected to heavy artillery fire of Muslim fighters of Iran and Nahr-Anbar region as a result of which their movements were disrupted or stopped.

Iran's gendarmerie forces destroyed three Iraqi gun emplacements, a command jeep and another vehicle killing sev-

eral Iraqi soldiers in Bayat, Zobeydah and Dehloran operational regions, the communique said. It added that gendarmerie forces dispatched patrol units and heavily shelled iraqi positions. Meanwhile, some 28 houses and shops were damaged in the city of Abadan, Khuzestan Province, as they were hit by the Iraqi artillery fire from across the border Thursday.

Iraqi Positions Bombed

LD010726 Tehran IRNA in English 0723 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Iranian fighter-bombers in a successful operation early Sunday raided Iraqi troop concentrations in northern Iraq, said a Joint Staff Communique released here.

Several Iranian jet fighters bombed Iraqi positions in Chuwartah region, northeast of the Iraqi Sulaymaniyah Province with coordinates of 35.44 degrees north and 45.34 degrees east. After inflicting heavy losses and damage on the enemy positions, the communique added, the Iranian pilots returned safely to their bases.

Communique No 2,488

LD011604 Tehran IRNA in English 1545 GMT 1 Jun 86

[Text] Tehran, June 1, IRNA — Iranian jet fighters bombed concentration center of Iraqi troops in Chuwartah in the northeast of Sulaymaniyah at 35.44 north and 45.34 east coordinates, at 05:38 hours (02:08 hours gmt) Sunday, said a military communique. That Iranian fighters after successfully carrying out their mission and inflicting substantial casualties and losses on the Iraqi troops returned to their bases safely, the communique said.

The Joint Staff Communique Number 2488 further said that during exchange of artillery fire in the northwestern fronts Saturday one munitions dump, four military vehicles and one heavy weapon of Iraqi forces were destroyed and enemy fire silenced.

Iranian Muslim combatants in reconnaissance and a nbush operations in the northwestern fronts killed or wounded a number of Iraqi soldiers and checked enemy movements, the communique said. Iranian artillery fire on Iraqi vehicle columns moving in Panjwin and Qal'eh-(Dizeh) disrupted their movement inflicting damage on them, the communique said.

According to the communique Iraqi warplanes trying to violate the airspace of Marivan throughout Saturday were forced to flee without dropping any bombs by Iranian anti-aircraft fire.

In the western fronts, the communique said, a number of Iraqi forces were killed or wounded and one loader, one multiple rocket launcher and eight bunkers as well as observation posts of theirs demolished in artillery duels with Muslim forces of Iran. Two Iraqi patrol units trying to infiltrate Iranian positions in these fronts were also forced to flee.

Long range artillery fire of Iranian Muslim combatants pounded Iraq's Banmil oil installations and inflicted damage on them, said the Joint staff communique, adding that movement of Iraqi light and heavy vehicle columns in Mehran were checked.

The communique said that exchange of artillery fire continued in the southern fronts raging more heavily in Zobeydah, Sharhani and Majnun Islands. Iraqi forces sustained heavy casualties and losses when they were hit by Iranian artillery fire and patrol units. Meanwhile, Iraqi long range artillery fire on Abadan, Khuzestan Province, Saturday damaged three houses and shops.